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EPA Statement regarding NM decision to resume irrigation and livestock watering operations- 8/15

New Mexico announced its decision initiation a plan for the flushing of irrigation ditches along the Animas River. The irrigation ditches will be flushed for 12 hours before normal irrigation and livestock watering operations can resume.

Flushing of irrigation ditches and resuming irrigation and livestock watering operations is a state and local decision. EPA sampling results from the river collected last week similarly show that water quality conditions are returning toward pre-event conditions.

We know the state has gone through a deliberative process in making this decision. EPA will continue to sample, analyze, and make data available to support local decision makers moving forward to allow them to make the best informed decisions.